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SUBJECT: VISIT TO FRANCE

1. WE MET WITH CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROGER FREY TODAY AND LEARNED OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO PROGRAM GIVEN IN PARIS 21593:

A) STAG LUNCH ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 TO BE OFFERED BY PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AT ELYSEE. LUNCH AT VERSAILLES OR PREFECTURE CANCELLED. A NUMBER OF THE GIFTS MENTIONED IN EARLIER CABLES WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IF CHIEF JUSTICE WISHES TO MAKE SUCH A PRESENTATION TO GISCARD. ALTERNATIVELY, A SET OF THE THREE BICENTENNIAL SILVER MEDALS WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE.

B) INFORMAL MEETING WITH EMINENT FRENCH LAW PROFESSORS (AS REQUESTED IN STATE 193339), PROBABLY MORNING OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

C) LIVE TV DISCUSSION PROGRAM AROUND 2100 HOURS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 WITH MOSTLY SAME GROUP OF LAW PROFESSORS. TONE OF PROGRAM WOULD BE INFORMAL AND CONVERSATIONAL, NOT INTERROGATIVE. GROUND RULES WOULD BE CLEARLY LAID DOWN WELL BEFORE PROGRAM, REGARDING WHICH SUBJECT CHIEF JUSTICE WOULD FEEL FREE TO TALK ABOUT. NO JOURNALISTS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE DISCUSSION GROUP AND DISCUSSION WOULD STICK TO LAW AND AMERICAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM. IF CHIEF JUSTICE FEELS HE CAN ACCEPT THIS OCCASION ON THESE TERMS, EMBASSY WOULD

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WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPOSURE TO FRENCH PUBLIC.

2. WE HAVE NOT ARRANGED ANY SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE PRESS, EITHER AMERICAN OR FRENCH. THE ONLY FORESEEABLE OCCASIONS ON WHICH THE PRESS WILL MEET BURGER ARE HIS ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT ON SEPT. 9, AND AT THE END OF VISIT, THE RECEPTION AT THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL, TUESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 16, AT WHICH AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS, RADIO AND TV ARE INVITED SOCIALLY. IF BURGER HAS ANY SPECIAL WISHES ON MEETING WITH PRESS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE TO BE ABLE TO PASS ON TO FRENCH HOSTS.

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